The phenomenon of web journalism in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of the new practices in Saudi journalism. Despite the newness of this journalistic phenomenon, a number of Saudi web newspapers (more than 250 web newspapers according to a mini-survey conducted to determine the number of Saudi web newspapers) differs in terms of their ideological and professional orientations. There are web newspapers that cover specific regions in Saudi Arabia, web newspapers specializing in a given topic such as sports, children, women, business web newspapers, as well as general web newspapers that cover various topics. With regard to the diversity of the contents of these newspapers, we see it necessary to evaluate and understand the nature of the professional practice in these web newspapers because it is a new experience in

The study was grounded in the goal of science education to produce individuals who are scientifically literate. Understanding the Nature of Science (NOS) has been regarded as a crucial essence in producing Science literate individuals. Following this, there have been extensive researches worldwide to measure various groups’ conceptions on NOS using instruments developed to cater this need. However, the previous studies in Malaysia only measured the same aspects of NOS while sideling others, hence limiting the holistic understanding of NOS among Malaysians. Therefore, this study sought to investigate the understanding of other NOS aspects among Malaysians namely a) Tentativeness of scientific theories, b) The scientific theory-law relationship, c) The aim of scientific experimentation, and d) The structure of scientific experimentation. Participants of the study involved science learners with different science achievements from three different educational levels:

This study aimed in revalidating a reliable diagnostic instrument on electricity which emphasized on parallel resistors. At the same time, it has also established an academic profile of the engineering students’ conceptual understanding on electricity; examined the difficulty and discrimination level of the items and assessed the students’ conception and misconceptions on electricity. Five intact classes chosen by cluster sampling from fifteen existing classes of PHY193 were involved in this study, namely the second semester engineering students undergoing a Diploma in Engineering program. The respondents comprised 102 engineering students with 56 from the Electrical Engineering group, 28 from the Mechanical Engineering and 18 Civil Engineering students studying in a local university. The descriptive approach was used in this study, aimed at addressing the four research questions which examined the academic profiles of the engineering students’ conceptual understanding on electricity, analyzed the validity and reliability of the instrument PCCUT (Parallel Circuit Conceptual Understanding Test, PCCUT), assessed the items’ difficulty and discriminating levels and the students’ conceptions and misconceptions on electricity. The

It has been noted that businesses seek to capitalize on their supply chain resources and capabilities as a way to achieve competitive advantage. From a competitive advantage viewpoint, supply chain management (SCM) has been widely advocated as a potential competitive management tool that contributes to firm performance, particularly in the automotive industry, the focus of this study. This industry is important because automotive firms are constantly responding to the changes following the environmental forces of globalization. A possible opportunity for advancement of SCM as a competitive management tool is the potential contribution of management accounting (MA) in utilizing SCM as a value creation tool. However, this is largely neglected in the literature. Furthermore, the shift towards value creation within SCM is consistent with recent developments in management accounting. Yet, studies which examine value creation within SCM from a MA perspective are limited. The thesis addresses this literature gap by providing additional insights on how value creation, the current focus of MA, is accomplished through SCM practices. In particular, four fundamental issues in SCM are examined: the automotive SCM practices for value creation,
the critical success factors (CSFs) for SCM, the performance measurement systems (PMS) used to evaluate supply chain performance and the role of management accountants in facilitating SCM processes. These issues are examined using a multiple case study approach on two leading automotive manufacturing firms operating in Malaysia. Drawing from the literature, a proposed framework of integrated SCM which consist of four fundamental SCM practices for value creation is used to interpret the case evidence. The results show that these SCM practices, viz. logistics, information technology, supply chain integration and networking and relationship management promotes value creation within both case firms as measured by cost, quality, speed and flexibility. The thesis next explores the critical success factors for SCM practices and the results demonstrated that control, of which PMS is an element, is one of several CSFs for SCM success. The results further reveal that the case firms’ operational PMS in the form of SQCDM (safety, quality, costs, delivery and morale) performance framework provides a continuous alignment with strategic SCM requirements. Finally, drawing on Institute of Management Accountants’ Statements on Management Accounting (SMAs) the thesis argues that despite recommendations from professional accounting bodies, the role of management accountants in SCM processes is still limited. The results of this study provide additional insights into how value-creating SCM is practiced within the automotive manufacturing industry in Malaysia. Thus, the research provides an opportunity to the practitioners to gain a better understanding of how SCM could be leveraged to enhance firm performance. For academicians, insights from this study will add to the body of knowledge particularly on the integration of MA with SCM.

the scientific and professional contribution of the study in web newspapers, and the recommendations of the study. This study investigated the principles of the professional practice (the journalist’s knowledge about the nature of the professional work and the skills he applied in his work) and the internal and external factors that influence the nature of the practice. The study is divided into five chapters. Chapter One covers an overview about the introduction of web journalism in Saudi Arabia, with the problem statement and research questions. Chapter Two is the literature review. Chapter Three is about the methodology of the study. Chapter Four is about the results and discussion of the study. Finally, Chapter Five covers the conclusion, the